

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

TOMINAGA et al.

Application No.: 10/772,272

Filing Date: February 6, 2004

For: INOSINE PRODUCING  
BACTERIUM BELONGING TO  
THE GENUS BACILLUS AND  
METHOD FOR PRODUCING  
INOSINE

Art Unit: 1645

Examiner: Vanessa L. Ford

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**RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 29, 2005, which set a 1-month shortened statutory period for response thereto, applicants hereby elect **Group I (Claims 1-8)**. This election is made with traverse as applicants assert that it would not pose an undue burden on the Examiner, nor constitute a non-coextensive search, to examiner all the claims together.

Applicant respectfully submits that the present patent application is in condition for allowance. An early indication of the allowability of the present patent application is therefore respectfully solicited.

If Examiner Ford believes that a telephone conference with the undersigned would expedite passage of the present patent application to issue, she is invited to call on the number below.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in accompanying documents. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and the requisite fee is hereby authorized to be charged to our deposit account, 50-2821.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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